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USDA TO MEASURE SMALL GRAIN PRODUCTION

Nashville, Tennessee — During the first two weeks of September, growers of small grains around the country will receive survey forms from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). The agency is taking an in-depth look into the 2014 production and supply of small grains, which include wheat, oats, barley, and rye.

"The small grains industry is an important component of Tennessee agriculture and it is crucial for us to have accurate data about this key sector," said NASS Tennessee State Statistician Debra Kenerson. "We will contact more than 1,000 producers in Tennessee to accurately measure 2014 acreage, yield, and production for small grains. The data collected from this survey will also help set small grain acreage and production estimates at the county level."

Nationwide, USDA is currently forecasting smaller wheat and barley crops compared with 2013, while the oat crop is expected to be larger. Winter wheat harvest is complete, while spring wheat, durum wheat, barley and oat harvests are working toward completion in the Northern Plains.

As with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential by law. NASS safeguards the privacy of all responses and publishes only aggregate data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified.

Survey results will be published in several reports, including the annual *Small Grains Summary* and the quarterly *Grain Stocks* report, both to be released on September 30. These and all NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov. For more information, call the NASS Tennessee Field Office at 1-800-626-0987.

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